

IN THE CLAIMS:

None of the claims have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 1 through 14 are presented below for convenience of the Patent Office.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Original) A piling device, including:
a support frame having a lower end mounted on a footing;
a mechanism for gripping a pile;
a mechanism for driving the pile into the ground;
the gripping mechanism and the piling mechanism being pivotally connected to and supported by the frame;
the pivotal connection of the gripping and driving mechanisms to the frame enabling a pile gripped by the gripping mechanism to be aligned in the desired orientation relative to the frame prior to being driven into the ground.
2. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the pivotal connection enables angular adjustment of a pile gripped by the gripping mechanism relative to the frame.
3. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein a pivotal adjustment actuator is provided, the actuator including at least one hydraulically actuated cylinder connected between the frame, and the driving and/or gripping mechanisms.

4. (Original) A piling device, including:
a support frame having a lower end mounted on a footing;
a mechanism for gripping a pile;
a mechanism for driving the pile into the ground;
the gripping mechanism and the piling mechanism being connected to and supported by the
frame; wherein
the frame includes at least one opening provided in the side thereof to facilitate removal of the
device from around a pile partially extending from the ground.

5. (Original) A device according to claim 4, wherein the opening is sized to allow a
pile partially extending from the ground to pass there through in the event that the frame has to
be moved during the piling operation.

6. (Original) A device according to claim 4, wherein the device includes two
openings located on opposite sides of the frame.

7. (Original) A piling device, including:
a support frame having a lower end mounted on a footing;
a mechanism for gripping a pile;
a mechanism for driving the pile into the ground;
the gripping mechanism and the piling mechanism being connected to and supported by the
frame; wherein
the gripping mechanism is hydraulically operated;
the gripping force applied by the gripping mechanism to the pile is adjustable; and
a control panel is provided for operating the gripping mechanism, including selection of a desired
gripping force.

8. (Original) A piling device, including:
a support frame having a lower end mounted on a footing;
a mechanism for driving a pile into the ground;
the upper end of the pile driving mechanism is connected to the upper end of the frame and
extends downwardly relative to the frame;
a mechanism for gripping a pile; wherein
the gripping mechanism is connected to and extends downwardly from the lower end of the pile
driving mechanism; and
the driving mechanism includes a driving frame and hydraulic cylinders extendable downwardly
relative to the driving frame, wherein the lower end of the cylinders are connected to the
gripping mechanism.

9. (Original) A piling device, including:
a support frame having a lower end mounted on a footing;
a mechanism for gripping a pile;
a mechanism for driving the pile into the ground;
the gripping mechanism and the piling mechanism being connected to and supported by the
frame;
the footing including ground mounted footings and respective frame mounted footings;
the frame mounted footings being movably mounted on the respective ground mounted footings;
and
vertically orientated hydraulic cylinders connected to and extending between each pair of frame
and ground mounted footings to facilitate movement of the device in the vertical direction
relative to the ground and ground mounted footings.

10. (Original) A device according to claim 9, wherein the frame mounted footings are
movably mounted on the respective ground mounted footings by the inclusion of roller bearing
assemblies between the frame mounted footings and ground mounted footings.

11. (Original) A device according to claim 10, wherein the bearings are connected to the frame mounted footings and/or ground mounted footings.

12. (Original) A device according to claim 9, wherein horizontally orientated hydraulic cylinders are connected to and extend between each pair of frame and ground mounted footings, to facilitate movement of the device in a horizontal direction relative to the ground and ground mounted footings.

13. (Original) A device according to claim 9, including counterweights mounted on the frame to prevent the frame from moving during the piling operation.

14. (Original) A device according to claim 13, wherein the device can be moved with the counterweights mounted on the frame.